

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13: (canceled)

Claim 14 (new): An implement for cleaning floors, comprising:

- (a) a broom, wherein the broom further comprises:
 - (i) a base adapted to receive an elongated handle, a plurality of bristles, and a scuff removing device;
 - (ii) a plurality of bristles attached to the bottom portion of the base; and
 - (iii) an elongated handle attached to the top portion of the base for operating the broom from a standing position; and
- (b) a scuff removing device attached to at least one of the base and the elongated handle, wherein the scuff removing device further comprises:
 - (i) a support adapted to be attached to at least one of the base and the elongated handle, wherein the support further comprises a convex surface; and
 - (ii) a friction forming material attached to the convex surface, wherein the friction forming material further comprises a pliable substrate, and wherein at least a portion of the substrate further comprises natural fibers, synthetic fibers, or a combination thereof.

Claim 15 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 14, wherein the base further comprises a collar for receiving the elongated handle, and wherein the collar further comprises a plurality of internal threads.

Claim 16 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 14, wherein the base further comprises a contoured neck adapted to receive the scuff removing device.

Claim 17 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 14, wherein the plurality of bristles is attached to the base substantially in the shape of a wedge, and wherein the length of the bottom portion of the wedge is greater than the length of the top portion of the wedge.

Claim 18 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 14, wherein the friction forming material further comprises tennis ball material.

Claim 19 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 14, wherein the scuff removing device further comprises at least one clip for attaching the scuff removing device to the elongated handle.

Claim 20 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 14, wherein the scuff removing device is a disposable item that may be removed from the cleaning implement when no longer effective and replaced with a new scuff removing device.

Claim 21 (new): An implement for cleaning floors, comprising:

(a) a broom, wherein the broom further comprises:

- (i) a base adapted to receive an elongated handle and a plurality of bristles;
- (ii) a plurality of bristles attached to the bottom portion of the base; and
- (iii) an elongated handle attached to the top portion of the base for operating the broom from a standing position; and

(b) a scuff removing device, wherein the scuff removing device further comprises:

- (i) a support formed integrally with at least one of the base and the elongated handle, wherein the support further comprises a convex surface; and
- (ii) a friction forming material attached to the convex surface, wherein the friction forming material further comprises a pliable substrate, and wherein at least a portion of the substrate further comprises natural fibers, synthetic fibers, or a combination thereof.

Claim 22 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 21, wherein the base further comprises a collar for receiving the elongated handle, and wherein the collar further comprises a plurality of internal threads.

Claim 23 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 21, wherein the plurality of bristles is attached to the base substantially in the shape of a wedge, and wherein the length of the bottom portion of the wedge is greater than the length of the top portion of the wedge.

Claim 24 (new): The cleaning implement of claim 21, wherein the friction forming material further comprises tennis ball material.